

Pilot Joint Call on Research and Innovation 3 September — 15 November 2012

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The CONCERT-Japan Pilot Joint Call on Research and Innovation is now open for the submission of proposals between **from 3 September to 15 November 2012**. The Joint Call covers two themes:

- **Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution**
- **Resilience against Disasters**

What is CONCERT-Japan?

The CONCERT-Japan project is an international ERA-NET initiative under the EU FP7, with the objective of coordinating and enhancing the science, technology and innovation (STI) cooperation between the European countries and Japan.

The CONCERT-Japan Pilot Joint Call on Research and Innovation

In the frame of the CONCERT-Japan Pilot Joint Call, research projects with an innovative dimension will be funded for a period of 2 years in the above mentioned themes. The research projects are expected to have **mobility and networking** dimensions apart from the core **research** component.

Each project consortium applying for this call should consist of at least 3 partners, 1 from Japan and 2 from two different European countries participating in the call.

The Call will be funded by the budget allocated by each participating national/regional funding organization. Therefore, each participating funding organization reserves the right to apply its national/regional funding regulations.

For more information on the Call and the submission process, please refer to the Pilot Joint Call page on the CONCERT-Japan website <http://www.concertjapan.eu/node/22>.

Funding Organizations

The national/regional funding organizations participating to this Joint Call are:

- **Japan:** Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- **Belgium/Flanders:** Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)*
- **France:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE)
- **France:** Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR)
- **Germany:** Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)**
- **Germany:** Region of North Rhine Westphalia (NRW)***
- **Italy:** Region of Lombardy
- **Italy:** Province of Trento
- **Hungary:** Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA)****
- **Norway:** Research Council of Norway (RCN)
- **Romania:** National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS)
- **Slovakia:** Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
- **Spain:** Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO)****
- **Switzerland:** ETH Zurich on behalf of State Secretariat for Education and Research
- **Turkey:** The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

*FWO will only fund basic research.

**For the theme "Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution" BMBF will only fund basic research.

***Region NRW will only provide funding for the theme "Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution".

****OTKA and MINECO will only fund basic research and only in the theme "Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution".

CONCERT-Japan Conference and Partnering Events

In order to provide **detailed information** on the Joint Call and offer possibilities of **networking and exchange of project ideas** to the interested science and innovation community, two different **Conference and Partnering Events** will take place:

- **Tokyo (Japan), 10-11 September 2012**, focused on the theme of **Resilience against Disasters**
<http://www.concertjapan.eu/node/190>
- **Milan (Italy), 27-28 September 2012**, focused on the theme of **Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution**
<http://www.concertjapan.eu/node/189>

The profiles of the participants of both events will be published on CONCERT-Japan website.

For more information on the CONCERT-Japan Joint Call and your country's own regulations please contact:

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